

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard Soderberg on 4/8/10.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Please amend **claims 7, 12, 15, and 18** as follows:

Claim 7:

On *[line 2]* of the claim, please change "the second view" to --the second panel--.

Claim 12:

On *[line 3]* of the claim, please change "the hierarchy of nodes" to --the system of nodes--.

Claim 15:

On *[line 1]* of the claim, please change "product containing" to --product stored in a machine-readable storage device and containing--.

Claim 18:

On *[line 3]* of the claim, please change "the hierarchy of nodes" to --the system of nodes--.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-18 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Examiner has carefully considered claims 1-18. None of the cited arts of records discloses, suggests, nor teaches a method of successively displaying panels in a computer user interface wherein a first setting of the navigation controls causes the first panel to be displayed, there being at least two different settings of the navigation controls that will cause the second panel to be displayed, and ceasing to display the first and displaying the second panel using one of the at least two different settings by which more of the navigation controls remain unchanged from the first setting, as recited in claim 1. The closest prior art, McCormack et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,243,088 B1), discloses navigating through a plurality of panels *[figure 2]* and providing user-specified functionality associated with a panel when the panel is displayed *[column 5, lines 44-55]*. The context of a panel may be based on the identity of a user, how the user arrived at the panel, previous information entered by the user, etc. *[column 5, lines 56-63]*. As shown in *[figure 2]*, a user can traverse from main screen 202, through task 230 to panels 206 and 208, using the next button 250. For displaying a second panel (panel

210), the user can navigate to that panel using the next button 250 from panel 208 to reach 210 or using the next button from panel 218 to reach 210. This is done by using the cancel button 254 to go to the main screen 202 [*column 6 lines 55-60*]. However, McCormack does not disclose the recited limitations above. Similar subject matter is disclosed in independent claim 15.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALVIN H. TAN whose telephone number is (571)272-8595. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kieu Vu can be reached on 571-272-4057. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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